



City Centre West to East Cycle Link and Street Improvements – Update 18

December 2020

Project Updates

This is the eighteenth CCWEL update. These are issued regularly to keep all stakeholders up to date. When construction commences on site (expected May 2021) updates will be issued more frequently with details of construction and traffic management.

Project timeline

Work is progressing to finalise the detailed designs and complete the statutory procedures. The Coronavirus has caused various delays. Unfortunately, this has impacted on the delivery of the CCWEL Programme. It is now expected to commence in **May 2021**.



Consultation – Statutory Procedures

The development of the project has involved significant stakeholder and public consultation, attracting a high level of interest and engagement.

An update on the latest developments regarding the statutory procedures is outlined below:

Traffic Orders Section 3b: North St David Street

Statutory consultations have been carried out for Section 3b. Representations were reported to the [Transport and Environment Committee](#) meeting on 12 November 2020.

The Redetermination Order for Section 3b is subject to Scottish Government decisions and a decision from the Scottish Government on the RSO is expected in the coming months.

Site investigations

We have been carrying out site investigation work (GPR surveys) and associated traffic management at key locations along the route to allow assessment of conditions and utilities underground that may interfere with the design. The surveys were non-intrusive, which meant that no excavation was required, and they could be carried out overnight to avoid any disruption to residents and trading.

Monitoring

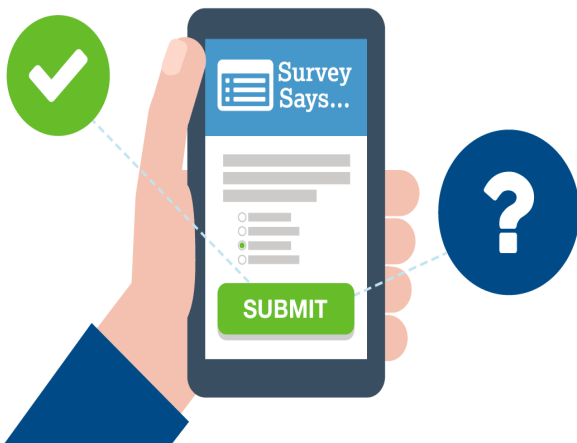
In developing the CCWEL Scheme, we have established a monitoring plan to assess the impact of the Scheme.

SYSTRA have been appointed to deliver the monitoring plan and have been busy carrying out a wide range of surveys including:

- Traffic surveys – motorized traffic / cycle / pedestrian flows, vehicle occupancy counts, path tracing
- Trial journeys by bike on 3 routes (journey times, rider feedback, video footage)
- Stop-to-stop journey times on 7 corridors (bus tracker data from Jan and Oct 2020)
- Vacant premises count (four areas)
- Household surveys
- Cyclist surveys
- Pedestrian surveys
- Shopper surveys
- Taxi driver surveys
- Roseburn Primary surveys
- Trader surveys
- Stakeholder interviews
- Analysis of accident data

So far, SYSTRA has accumulated over 1,600 survey responses via face-to-face interviews, web survey completions and telephone interviews.

Response rates have been better than expected, which should provide a robust set of data to form the baseline case of the monitoring project going forward.



CCWEL Crossing Proposals – Stanhope Street/A8

We asked for views on options for crossings in the vicinity of Stanhope Street and Hampton Terrace (A8).

A preliminary plan was previously developed and shared with the public. The plan showed a pedestrian and a segregated cycle crossing with one way access to Stanhope Street from the A8. In response to feedback a second option was developed.

Findings from the consultation reveal that the majority (89%) of respondents favoured the second option of a pedestrian only crossing that would maintain two-way access on Stanhope Street.

Those in favour of the second option commented that it was important to keep two-way access for traffic at Stanhope Street to prevent displacement of traffic, congestion, noise and disruption on the neighbouring streets. There was some support (11%) for the preliminary plan. Respondents commented that a segregated cycle crossing would provide a family friendly crossing and a significant improvement to safety.

Following consideration of all the comments, we will now progress with the second option as the approved design to be taken forward.

More information

We will continue to keep you updated on developments through the Project Updates and the project webpage at www.edinburgh.gov.uk/ccwel

For further information on the CCWEL project please contact Eileen Hewitt on 469 3502 or ccwel@edinburgh.gov.uk

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Data Protection

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